



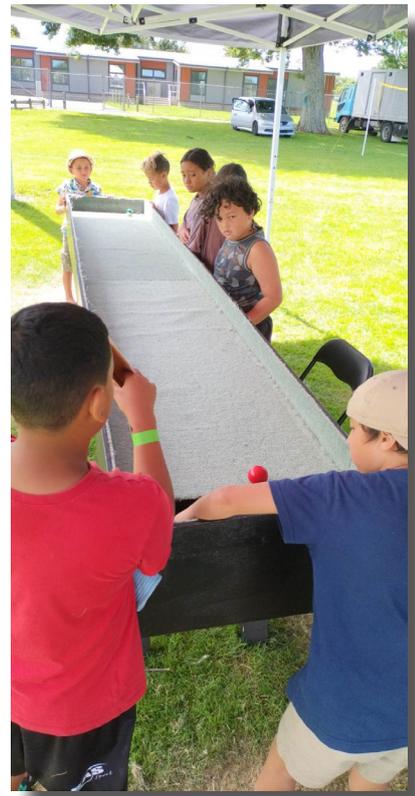
Manawatu Update

February 2023

Gary Scoggins

Late in 2022 Gary and Jeremy went through to Rotorua as follow up from Reach Rotorua, the city-wide outreach involving 17 churches in 2021. The highlight was that all the churches we visited were excited about the previous outreach and this has given us an open door to go back and continue to work with them. Over 2023 we are looking at 3-4 events throughout the year that will help to equip these churches to prepare them for a month-long outreach in 2024 prior to easter. It is great to have open doors and be able to work with others who are passionate about seeing their city reached for Christ.

Gary has recently been in Hamilton helping with another combined church outreach involving 3-4 churches. This is a tent ministry where the marquee is set up on the edge of a skate park. They are running kids' programme, youth programme and an evening family programme. Word of Life is also involved. We have had two ladies sharing their testimony for the first time. One is from an exclusive brethren background and another lady who was trained in Rotorua by OAC is also sharing about how she met Jesus. It is so encouraging to see someone make a response to the Lord and then to see them go on to share their faith with others.



Evan Kangisher

Ministry has been very challenging but in His strength I have seen the Lord use me to make a difference in people's lives through the power of the gospel. Late last year I worked with Kingston Street Community Church on their eight week Christianity program. A highlight for me was being able to assist in training new facilitators for future Christianity Explored Courses and see two people respond to Christ.



Over the summer break I had to cancel the beach mission I was planning on attending due to ongoing problems with my hip. It has become so severe that I am no longer able to work my part-time job as a plumber while I await a hip replacement. Despite this, I have still been able to go out a few times on the streets and to the skate park to share the gospel. At times the responses are mixed but often I am able to have a number of good conversations to those who are open.

Things to Pray For

Gary

- Continued good health
- Work in Rotorua
- Upcoming opportunities
- Attending Hiko Ki Waitangi

Evan

- That I will get referred to a specialist and receive a new hip
- Good health
- increase in personal support due to not being able to supplement my income through plumbing
- Kingston St - preaching opportunities
- That I would continue to put God and his Kingdom first Heb 11:9-10, 15-16